

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

April 5, 2010
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

DON PERSSON, Council President; MARCIE PALMER; RANDY CORMAN; GREG TAYLOR; RICH ZWICKER; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER. CARRIED.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ANN NIELSEN, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; IWEN WANG, Finance and Information Services Administrator; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; PETER RENNER, Facilities Director; BONNIE RERECICH, Community Services Resource & Funding Manager; FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR MARK PETERSON, DEPUTY CHIEF BILL FLORA and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DEBORAH NEEDHAM, Fire and Emergency Services Department; DEPUTY CHIEF TIM TROXEL and COMMANDER KATIE MCCLINCY, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION

Volunteer Month - April 2010

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring the month of April 2010 to be "Volunteer Month" in the City of Renton and encouraging all members of the community to commit a portion of their time to volunteer service. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Community Services Administrator Terry Higashiyama accepted the proclamation with appreciation. She thanked Community Services Resource and Funding Manager Bonnie Rerecich for coordinating the City's volunteer efforts. Ms. Higashiyama stated that 4,119 volunteers provided 60,229 hours of service in 2009 and equated the value of their time to approximately \$1,219,000. She noted that there are numerous events and activities planned this month to celebrate and recognize City volunteers.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Fire: Promotion of Mark Peterson to Fire Chief and Emergency Services Administrator

Mayor Law announced that with Council's approval he appointed Mark Peterson as the new Fire Chief and Emergency Services Administrator on 3/23/2010. He stated that Chief Peterson joined the Renton Fire Department in 1980 and rose through the ranks to Deputy Chief. Mayor Law recognized veterans of the Fire Department that were in attendance including former Deputy Chiefs Bob Van Horne, Chuck Duffy, and Larry Rude, and former Fire Chief Lee Wheeler. He also recognized Fire Commissioners Craig Violante and Ray Barilleaux, and thanked everyone for attending the event. Mayor Law administered an oath of office and presented a Certificate of Appointment to Mark Peterson, Fire Chief and Emergency Services Administrator.

Chief Peterson thanked City officials, the administration, and current and former members of the Fire Department for their support. He introduced members of his family who were in attendance and stated that he is looking forward to serving the community, in his new position.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADVANCE TO AUDIENCE COMMENT. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Jensen -
Municipal League
Representation

John Jensen (Newcastle), Chair of the South Committee, Municipal League of King County, requested Council's support for stronger representation on his committee. Mr. Jensen stated that the committee needs more geographical diversity, as not all issues are Seattle-centric. He invited Council to an outreach event and requested that Mayor Law be the committee's 2010 mock candidate.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL RECESS FOR 15 MINUTES. CARRIED. Time: 7:14 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:27 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of
3/22/2010

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 3/22/2010. Council concur.

CED: City Center Community
Plan

Community and Economic Development Department recommended adoption of the final City Center Community Plan following review of the initiative and additional public outreach. Refer to Planning and Development Committee.

CED: 2010-2011 Title IV
(Development Regulations)
Docket

Community and Economic Development Department submitted the proposed 2010-2011 Title IV Docket and Comprehensive Plan amendment table for the annual review processes. Refer to Planning and Development Committee and Planning Commission.

Community Services:
Courtroom #1 Name Request,
Roger I. Lewis Courtroom

Community Services Department requested authorization to name Courtroom #1 (on 3rd floor of City Hall) the "Roger I. Lewis Courtroom," and waiver of the required six-month waiting period. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Board/Commission: Create
Library Advisory Board

Executive Department recommended approval to amend RMC 2-13 to create a Library Advisory Board for issues related to services provided to Renton residents by the King County Library System. Refer to Community Services Committee.

CAG: 09-020, Garden Av N
Widening, KPG Inc

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Supplemental Agreement #1 to CAG-09-020, with KPG, Inc., in the amount of \$207,815.30 for additional design services related to the Garden Ave. N. Widening project. Council concur.

CAG: 07-161, Maple Valley
Hwy (SR 169) Improvements
Phase 2, Rodarte Construction

Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-07-161, Maple Valley Hwy. (SR 169) Improvements Phase 2; and requested approval of the project, commencement of a 60-day lien period, and release of retainage in the amount of \$243,286.68 to Rodarte Construction, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

CAG: 08-205, Local Hazardous
Waste Management Program,
Seattle/King County Public
Health

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of Amendment #2 to CAG-08-205, with Seattle/King County Department of Public Health, accepting \$34,741.88 for Renton's 2010 Local Hazardous Waste Management Program. Council concur.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Transportation (Aviation)
Committee**

Transportation: NE 4th St/
Bremerton Av NE & Whitman
Av NE, Signal Improvements

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the expenditure of funds from the Intersection Safety and Mobility Program for design of traffic signals at NE 4th St. and Bremerton Ave. NE and NE 4th St. and Whitman Ave. NE, and construction of the signal at NE 4th St. and Whitman Ave. NE in 2011.

The Committee further recommended that Council direct staff to present to the Committee the results of the associated traffic study prior to construction of the subject traffic signal(s).

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 291542 - 291864 and two wire transfers totaling \$3,201,670.26; and approval of one Payroll Voucher totaling \$(2,977.40). MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Human Resources: GIS Analyst
& Coordinator, Salary Grades
& Class Specifications

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve classification and salary grades of the GIS Analyst series and the GIS Coordinator position approved as part of the 2010 Budget. At the time the 2010 Budget was approved, these GIS classifications had not been assigned a salary grade. Based on salary data and internal equity, it is recommended that the GIS positions be classified as follows effective January 1, 2010:

- GIS Analyst I (AFSCME, grade a21)
- GIS Analyst II (AFSCME, grade a23)
- GIS Coordinator (Non-represented, grade m26)

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND
ORDINANCES****ORDINANCE #5534**

Finance: Bond Refinancing,
2001 LTGO Bonds

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

An ordinance was read providing for the issuance and sale of limited tax general obligation refunding bonds of the City in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$6.8 million to provide funds for the purpose of refunding certain limited tax general obligation bonds of the City; authorizing the appointment of an escrow agent and execution of an escrow agreement; and delegating certain authority to approve the final terms of the bonds.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Johnson -
Council Interaction

Ben Johnson (Renton) requested that Council ask each other more probing questions on various topics and issues that are presented at Council meetings. He opined that the current set up of the Council Chambers does not allow for the easy exchange of ideas. Mr. Johnson used the recent Parks Expulsion ordinance as an example and remarked that it was not debated in Council Chambers.

Councilmember Corman remarked that although some meetings are held off-camera, every Committee meeting is announced and open to the public. He stated that Council was briefed on the Parks Expulsion ordinance and debated the issue during the Committee of the Whole meeting (on 3/1/2010). Mr. Corman recalled questioning various parts of the ordinance including whether someone could be expelled for bringing a bottle of wine into a park and the hearing process for individuals who are expelled from City parks.

Councilmember Parker pointed out that the City has working committees where nearly every issue that is brought before the Council is deliberated on prior to being approved or disapproved by the Council as a whole. He emphasized that a great deal of attention, including spirited debate at times, has been conducted on issues presented to the whole Council. He acknowledged that it may appear that there is not much explanation for certain issues, including consent agenda items, but emphasized that each Councilmember is given ample time to review every item prior to a Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED.
Time: 7:44 p.m.



Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Jason Seth, Recorder
April 5, 2010

RENTON CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR
Office of the City Clerk
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 5, 2010

COMMITTEE/CHAIRMAN	DATE/TIME	AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (Persson)	MON., 4/12 6 p.m.	Shoreline Master Program Update
COMMUNITY SERVICES (Palmer)	MON., 4/12 4:30 p.m.	Municipal Arts (briefing only); Renaming of Courtroom #1; Library Advisory Board
FINANCE (Parker)	MON., 4/12 5:30 p.m.	Fire Department Overtime and Vacation Payout (briefing only)
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Briere)	THURS., 4/8 3 p.m.	Cascade Agenda Cities Program Membership; City Center Community Plan; 2010-2011 Title IV (Development Regulations) Docket
PUBLIC SAFETY (Taylor)		
TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) (Corman)	THURS., 4/8	CANCELED
UTILITIES (Zwicker)	THURS., 4/8	CANCELED

NOTE: Committee of the Whole meetings are held in the Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. All other committee meetings are held in the Council Conference Room unless otherwise noted.